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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of cleaning wares of a plurality of establishments, wherein the wares comprise restaurant wares, each of the said plurality of establishments having a location and a set of restaurant wares, comprising the steps of:

collecting said the set of restaurant wares from each of said the plurality of establishments;

identifying each of the sets of restaurant wares as belonging to an individual one of the plurality of establishments;

cleaning said the set of restaurant wares from all of said the plurality of establishments following said collecting step; and

delivering said the set of restaurant wares, following said cleaning step, to each respective one of said the plurality of establishments in accordance with the identification.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1 wherein said each set of restaurant wares for each of said the plurality of establishments are distinct.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1 wherein said cleaning the set of restaurant wares comprises cleaning the set of restaurant wares step is accomplished at a centralized location.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting the set of restaurant wares step is accomplished comprises collecting each set of restaurant wares regularly.

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Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 5 wherein said delivering the set of restaurant wares comprises delivering the set of restaurant wares ~~step is accomplished~~ regularly.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 6 wherein said collecting the set of restaurant wares comprises collecting the set of restaurant wares along a route having a plurality of stops, each of the plurality of stops corresponding to each of the plurality of establishments; and ~~step and~~ said wherein delivering the set of restaurant wares comprises delivering the set of restaurant wares ~~step occurs along [[a]] the route, said the route having a plurality of stops, each of said the plurality of stops corresponding to each of said the plurality of establishments.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 7 wherein said collecting the set of restaurant wares comprises collecting each set of restaurant wares from each of the plurality of stops along the route; and ~~step and~~ said wherein delivering step is accomplished at the set of restaurant wares comprises delivering each set of restaurant wares to each of the plurality of stops, each of said plurality of stops along said route.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~ charging each of said the plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of said restaurant wares in the set of restaurant wares cleaned, in said cleaning step.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~ delivering cleaning supplies to at least one of said the plurality of establishments.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 10 wherein said ~~step of~~ delivering cleaning supplies comprises delivering cleaning supplies and said step of delivering said set of wares occurs along with delivering the set of restaurant wares during a single stop for at least one of said the plurality of establishments.

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A method of cleaning wares of a plurality of establishments, wherein the wares comprise restaurant wares, each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments having a distinct location and a distinct set of restaurant wares used by ~~said the~~ establishment at ~~said the~~ distinct location, comprising the steps of:

maintaining an inventory of an additional set of ~~said the~~ distinct set of restaurant wares of each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments;

identifying each of the sets of restaurant wares as belonging to an individual one of the plurality of establishments;

collecting at least a portion of ~~said the~~ distinct set of restaurant wares used by each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments from each distinct location of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments;

cleaning ~~said the~~ portion of ~~said the~~ distinct set of restaurant wares collected from ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments ~~following said collecting step~~; and

delivering restaurant wares, having been cleaned, from ~~said the~~ distinct set of restaurant wares and from ~~said the~~ additional set of distinct restaurant wares, to each distinct location for each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments in accordance with the identification.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of maintaining another additional set of distinct restaurant wares for each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments ~~for use as a safety stock~~.

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 12 wherein ~~said~~ cleaning the portion of the distinct set of restaurant wares ~~step is accomplished~~ comprises cleaning the portion of the distinct set of restaurant wares at a centralized location.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 12 wherein ~~said~~ collecting the portion of the distinct set of restaurant wares comprises collecting the portion of the distinct set of restaurant wares ~~step is accomplished~~ regularly.

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Claim 17 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 16 wherein said delivering restaurant wares comprises step-is accomplished delivering restaurant wares regularly.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 17 wherein said collecting the set of restaurant wares comprises collecting the set of restaurant wares along a route having a plurality of stops, each of the plurality of stops corresponding to each of the plurality of establishments; step and said

wherein delivering the set of restaurant wares comprises step-occurs delivering the set of restaurant wares along [[a]] the route, said route having a plurality of stops, each of said plurality of stops corresponding to each of said plurality of establishments.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 18 wherein said collecting the portion of the restaurant wares comprises collecting the portion of restaurant wares from each of the plurality of stops along the route; step and said

wherein delivering restaurant wares comprises delivering restaurant wares to step-is accomplished at each of said the plurality of stops along said the route.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of charging each of said the plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of said restaurant wares in the set of restaurant wares cleaned, in said cleaning step.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 12 further comprising the step of delivering cleaning supplies to at least one of said the plurality of establishments.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): ~~A method as in~~ The method of claim 21 wherein said step of delivering cleaning supplies comprises delivering cleaning supplies and said step of delivering wares-occurs along with delivering the restaurant wares during a single stop for at least one of said the plurality of establishments.

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Claim 23 (Withdrawn): A method of providing technical cleaning service to a plurality of establishments, each of said plurality of establishments having a location and a set of wares, comprising the steps of:

- collecting said set of wares from each of said plurality of establishments;
- cleaning said set of wares from all of said plurality of establishments following said collecting step;
- delivering said set of wares, following said cleaning step, to each respective one of said plurality of establishments;
- collecting information from said plurality of establishments relative to cleaning during at least one of said collecting and said delivering step; and
- communicating said information to technical consulting personnel.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 wherein said set of wares for each of said plurality of establishments are distinct.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 further comprising the step of identifying said set of wares as belonging to an individual one of said plurality of establishments prior to said collecting step.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 wherein said cleaning step is accomplished at a centralized location.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 wherein said collecting step is accomplished regularly.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 27 wherein said delivering step is accomplished regularly.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 28 wherein said collecting step and said delivering step occurs along a route, said route having a plurality of stops, each of said plurality of stops corresponding to each of said plurality of establishments.

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Claim 30 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 29 wherein said collecting step and said delivering step is accomplished at each of said plurality of stops along said route.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 further comprising the step of charging each of said plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of said set of wares cleaned in said cleaning step.

Claim 32 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 wherein said communicating step is accomplished to a centralized location.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 23 further comprising the step of delivering cleaning supplies to at least one of said plurality establishments.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): A method as in claim 33 wherein said step of delivering cleaning supplies and said step of delivering said set of wares occurs during a single stop at least one of said plurality of establishments.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): A system for cleaning wares of a plurality of establishments, wherein the wares comprise restaurant wares, each of a plurality of establishments having a location and a set of restaurant wares, comprising:

a set of restaurant wares for each of a plurality of establishments, wherein each of the sets of restaurant wares has an identification that identifies the set of restaurant wares as belonging to an individual one of the plurality of establishments;

a pickup vehicle ~~that adapted to~~ collects the said set of restaurant wares from each of said the plurality of establishments;

a cleaning facility ~~adapted to that~~ cleans the said set of restaurant wares from all of said the plurality of establishments; and

a delivery vehicle ~~adapted to that~~ delivers the said set of restaurant wares, following cleaning, to each respective one of said the plurality of establishments in accordance with the identification.

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Claim 36 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 35 wherein ~~said the set~~ of restaurant wares for each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments are distinct.

Claim 37 (Cancelled)

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim ~~[[37]]~~ 35 wherein ~~said~~ identification is used by said the delivery vehicle uses the identification to deliver ~~said the~~ set of restaurant wares to each respective one of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 35 wherein ~~said the~~ cleaning facility is centralized.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 35 wherein ~~said the~~ pickup vehicle and ~~said the~~ delivery vehicle are the same vehicle.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 40 wherein ~~said the~~ vehicle ~~accomplishes said collection and said delivery~~ collects and delivers the restaurant wares along a route, ~~said wherein the route having~~ has a plurality of stops, each of ~~said the~~ plurality of stops corresponding to each one of said the plurality of establishments.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 41 wherein the vehicle collects and delivers the restaurant wares ~~said collection and said delivery is accomplished~~ at each of ~~said the~~ plurality of stops along ~~said the~~ route.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 35 further comprising means for charging each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of ~~said restaurant wares in the set of restaurant wares~~ that the cleaning facility cleaned, ~~in said cleaning step.~~

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 35 wherein ~~said the~~ delivery vehicle ~~is adapted to deliver~~ delivers cleaning supplies to at least one of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments.

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Claim 45 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 44 wherein the delivery vehicle delivers said the cleaning supplies and said the set of restaurant wares are delivered during a single stop for at least one of said the plurality of establishments.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): A system for cleaning wares of a plurality of establishments, wherein the wares comprise restaurant wares, each of [[a]] the plurality of establishments having a distinct location and a distinct set of restaurant wares used by said the establishment at said the distinct location, comprising:

a set of restaurant wares for each of a plurality of establishments, wherein each of the sets of restaurant wares has an identification that identifies the set of restaurant wares as belonging to an individual one of the plurality of establishments;

an inventory of an additional set of said the distinct set of restaurant wares of each of said the plurality of establishments;

a pickup vehicle adapted to that collects at least a portion of said the distinct set of restaurant wares used by each of said the plurality of establishments from each distinct location of said the plurality of establishments;

a cleaning facility adapted to that cleans the said portion of said the distinct set of restaurant wares collected from said the plurality of establishments; and

a delivery vehicle adapted to that delivers the said set of restaurant wares, having been cleaned, from said including the portion of the distinct set of restaurant wares and from said a portion of the additional set of distinct restaurant wares, to each distinct location for each of said the plurality of establishments in accordance with the identification.

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 46 further comprising another additional set of distinct restaurant wares for each of said the plurality of establishments ~~for use as a safety stock.~~

Claim 48 (Cancelled)

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Claim 49 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 46 wherein ~~said the~~ cleaning facility is centralized.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 46 wherein ~~said the~~ pickup vehicle and ~~said the~~ delivery vehicle are the same vehicle.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 50 wherein ~~said the~~ vehicle ~~accomplishes said collection and said delivery~~ collects and delivers along a route, ~~said route having that has~~ a plurality of stops, each of ~~said the~~ plurality of stops corresponding to ~~each one of said the~~ plurality of establishments.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 51 wherein ~~said the~~ vehicle ~~collection and said delivery is accomplished~~ collects and delivers restaurant wares at each of ~~said the~~ plurality of stops along ~~said the~~ route.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 46 further comprising means for charging each of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of ~~said restaurant wares in the set of restaurant wares cleaned by the cleaning facility, in said cleaning step.~~

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 46 wherein ~~said the~~ delivery vehicle ~~is adapted to deliver~~ cleaning supplies to at least one of ~~said the~~ plurality of establishments.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): ~~A system as in~~ The system of claim 54 wherein ~~said the~~ vehicle delivers the cleaning supplies and ~~said the~~ set of restaurant wares are delivered to at least one of the plurality of establishments during a single stop, ~~at least one of said plurality of establishments.~~

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Claim 56 (Withdrawn): A system of providing technical cleaning service to a plurality of establishments, each of said plurality of establishments having a location and a set of wares, comprising:

a pickup vehicle adapted to collect said set of wares from each of said plurality of establishments;

a cleaning facility adapted to clean said set of wares from all of said plurality of establishments;

a delivery vehicle adapted to deliver said set of wares, following cleaning, to each respective one of said plurality of establishments;

means for collecting information from said plurality of establishments relative to cleaning during at least one of said collecting and said delivering step; and

means for communicating said information to technical consulting personnel.

Claim 57 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 wherein said set of wares for each of said plurality of establishments are distinct.

Claim 58 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 57 wherein said set of wares have an identification as belonging to an individual one of said plurality of establishments prior to collection.

Claim 59 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 wherein said cleaning facility is centralized.

Claim 60 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 said pickup vehicle and said delivery vehicle is the same vehicle.

Claim 61 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 60 wherein said collection and said delivery occurs along a route, said route having a plurality of stops, each of said plurality of stops corresponding to each of said plurality of establishments.

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Claim 62 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 61 wherein said collection and said delivery is accomplished at each of said plurality of stops along said route.

Claim 63 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 further comprising means for charging each of said plurality of establishments an amount based at least partially on an amount of said set of wares cleaned in said cleaning step.

Claim 64 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 wherein said means for communicating is centralized.

Claim 65 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 56 wherein said delivery vehicle is adapted to deliver cleaning supplies to at least one of said plurality establishments.

Claim 66 (Withdrawn): A system as in claim 65 wherein said cleaning supplies and said set of wares are delivered during a single stop at least one of said plurality of establishments.